

Iran Deal

- most of the international sanctions/penalties were removed from Iran over the weekend
- should be boost to Iran's economy
- UN report says Iran is doing its part to restrict its controversial nuclear program
- critics say Iran will be a nuclear power in 15 years

Also in News about Iran

- an exchange of prisoners was announced between the U.S. and Iran after negotiations that lasted longer than a year;
- the U.S. released seven men who'd either been convicted or accused of illegally exporting electronics, satellite services or military equipment to Iran.
- In exchange, Iran released four Americans: a Christian pastor, a journalist, a Marine veteran, and another man who decided to stay in Iran. Iran also released a fifth American, a student, separately from the swap.

These releases were not part of the nuclear deal. The White House says the deal accelerated the exchange, but critics said the Americans released should have been negotiated into the original deal, not part of a separate swap.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

- Instead of a day off, event organizers stress that it should be a day on, a day of service when Americans are encouraged to work toward improving their communities.
- Civil Rights leader in 1960s
- MLK stood for unity, peace, justice and economic equity. Examples of the lack of equity persist despite the attachment of his name.

Private Space Companies

- Blue Origin, SpaceX
- rockets cost between \$60-90 million, aiming to place satellites, etc.
- Goal: to reuse rockets, so the cost for space travel could decline.

Titanosaur

- fossils found in 2012 by ranch owner in Argentina
- world's largest
- 100 million years ago; giant herbivores weighed around 70 tons and were 122 feet long.
- discovered in the Patagonian Desert region of Argentina in 2014.
- currently in NY before returning to Patagonia